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**Division of Health Care Financing and Policy**  
**Notice of meeting to solicit public comments and intent to act**  
**Upon Amendments to the Medicaid Services Manual (MSM)**

**Public Hearing August 14, 2014**  
**Minutes**

Date and Time of Meeting: August 14, 2014 at 9:00 AM

Name of Organization: State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP)

Place of Meeting: State of Nevada Legislative Building  
401 So. Carson Street, Room 2135  
Carson City, NV 89701

Place of Video Conference: Grant Sawyer Office Building  
555 E. Washington Avenue, Suite 4401  
Las Vegas, NV 89101

**Attendees**

**In Carson City, NV**

Marti Coté, DHCFP	Alexis Tucey, DHCFP
Patty Thompson, DHCFP	Joanna Jacob, Ferrari Public Affairs
Darrell Faircloth, DAG	Betsy Aiello, DHCFP
Scott Mayne, Washoe and Clark County	

**In Las Vegas, NV**

No attendees present in the Las Vegas location.

**Introduction:**

Ms. Patty Thompson, Chief of Fiscal Integrity, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP), opened the Public Hearing introducing herself, Ms. Betsy Aiello, Deputy Administrator of the DHCFP and Mr. Darrell Faircloth, Senior Deputy Attorney General (DAG).

Ms. Thompson – The notice for this public hearing was published on July 14, 2014 in accordance with the Nevada Revised Statute 422.2369.

## **1. Discussion of proposed changes to the Nevada Check Up (NCU) Manual**

### Ms. Marti Côté:

Revisions to NCU Manual, Chapter 1000, are being proposed to remove all references to eligibility policy. As of July 2013, NCU eligibility was transferred to the Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS).

The effective date is September 1, 2014.

At the conclusion of Ms. Côté's presentation, Ms. Thompson asked Ms. Aiello, Deputy Administrator, and Mr. Faircloth, DAG, if they had any questions or comments.

### Ms. Aiello's Comments:

- Please note in Section 1005 under References and Cross References, the missing Medicaid Services Manual Chapters were included.

### Mr. Faircloth's Comments:

- Is it correct that DWSS has already adopted the regulations to reflect they are taking on these duties.
- Ms. Côté responded that is indeed correct.

### Public Comments:

- Mr. Scott Mayne, representing Washoe and Clark Counties, commented in Section 1003.1A in the third paragraph down, the new language: "...referred to Medicaid, as the child(ren) would be Medicaid eligible through the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS)." Some of the reference, and the reason for this language, is because Washoe County and Clark County Child and Welfare both have children that are Medicaid eligible under child welfare services. I wanted to ensure that this didn't somehow limit the eligibility, or the intent that children have to be under DCFS for child welfare services.
- Ms. Aiello responded Mr. Mayne's concern that children who are placed in child welfare, which is not specifically DCFS, would also be eligible. The DHCFP can add that to the next chapter revision, however all eligibility requirements for the Child Health Insurance Program (CHIP) are in the DWSS manual and all Medicaid eligibility for the child welfare agencies are in their respective manuals. This language is more of a reference to those manuals, and not a Medicaid eligibility manual.
- Mr. Mayne responded he would like to ensure that welfare is not limiting in their language regarding eligibility.
- Ms. Aiello responded the intent of this manual revision was to eliminate all eligibility from the CHIP because now the DHCFP is strictly the medical side of the CHIP. What would need to be done is the elimination of this section altogether because there is still some eligibility language in there. Next time we will bring it forward and eliminate any statement that someone is eligible under Medicaid from our manual altogether.

Ms. Thompson – Recommended the Deputy Administrator approve as submitted.

Ms. Aiello – Approved as submitted.

Ms. Thompson – Closed the Public Hearing for the NCU Manual, Chapter 1000, Nevada Check Up Program.

## **2. Discussion and Proposed changes to Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 400**

Ms. Alexis Tucey:

Changes are being proposed to MSM Chapter 400 to allow for coverage of prior authorized, medically necessary inpatient detoxification and treatment services beyond the current five day limit for recipients age 21 years and older. This revision is being made to comply with the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act.

Verbiage is being removed regarding provider qualifications which is duplicative of language in MSM Chapter 100. No changes to MSM Chapter 400 policy are being made.

Proposed revisions to Attachment C include removing the prior authorization requirement for crisis intervention and screening services, and adding crisis intervention services as a Level 1 outpatient service option.

The effective date is September 1, 2014.

At the conclusion of Ms. Tucey's presentation, Ms. Thompson asked Ms. Aiello, Deputy Administrator, and Mr. Faircloth, DAG, if they had any questions or comments.

Ms. Aiello's Comments:

- No Comments

Mr. Faircloth's Comments:

- No Comments

Public Comments:

- No Comments

Ms. Thompson – Recommended the Deputy Administrator approve as submitted.

Ms. Aiello – Approved as submitted.

Ms. Thompson – Closed the Public Hearing for the Medicaid Services Manual Chapter 400, Mental Health and Alcohol/Substance Abuse Services.

## **3. General Public Comments**

- No Comments

#### **4. Adjournment**

There were no further comments and Ms. Thompson adjourned the public hearing at 9:20 AM.

*\*An Audio (CD) version of this meeting is available through the DHCFP Administration office. For more detailed information on any of the handouts, submittals, testimony and or comments please contact Rita Mackie at [rmackie@dhcfp.nv.gov](mailto:rmackie@dhcfp.nv.gov) or you may call (775) 684-3681.*